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Ragasa's sex assault convictions affirmed by Appeals Court

LĪHU'E – On Monday, the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals filed a Summary Disposition Order affirming the convictions of Larry Cass Ragasa on two counts of Sexual Assault in the First Degree, both class A felonies, and one count of Sexual Assault in the Fourth Degree, a misdemeanor.

Ragasa, 46, formerly of Hanapēpē, was convicted following a jury trial in March 2016, in which testimony showed that he had sexually assaulted a juvenile. Ragasa was sentenced in June 2016, to serve an open 20-year term of imprisonment by Fifth Circuit Judge Kathleen N.A. Watanabe.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tracy J. Murakami litigated the appeal on behalf of the State of Hawai'i.

"We are pleased that the appellate court correctly recognized that the trial court committed no errors in giving the defendant the fair trial he was entitled to," stated Prosecuting Attorney Justin F. Kollar. "Although nothing we do can ever undo the crimes this sexual predator committed, we are satisfied that he will remain in prison where he cannot harm any more children in our community."



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